

MARKEL STEVEN A

Form 4

September 03, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MARKEL STEVEN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARKEL
CORPORATION, 4521
HIGHWOODS PKWY

(Street)

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MARKEL CORP [MKL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/02/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below) Vice Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/17/2009		G	V 230 D \$ 0	229,746.894	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2009		G	V 50 D \$ 0	229,696.894	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2009		G	V 600 D \$ 0	229,096.894	D	
Common Stock	09/02/2009		S	2,700 D <u>\$ 323.5979</u> (1)	231,358.894 (2)	D	
	09/03/2009		S	1,000 D	230,358.894	D	

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Common Stock	\$ 324.007 (3)			
Common Stock	1,915.4	I	401(K) Plan (4)	
Common Stock	15,038 (2)	I	By Trust (2)	
Common Stock	4,375	I	By Trust (5)	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARKEL STEVEN A C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060	X		Vice Chairman	

Signatures

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Steven A.
Markel

09/03/2009

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Sales were effected in 27 separate transactions at prices ranging from \$323.00 to \$324.26. Mr. Markel will provide upon request by the

(1) Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) Mr. Markel is a Trustee and partial beneficiary of a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust. End of period holdings reflect change in form of beneficial ownership by reason of distribution of 4,962 shares from the GRAT to Mr. Markel.

Sales were effected in 7 separate transactions at prices ranging from \$324.00 to \$324.07. Mr. Markel will provide upon request by the

(3) Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(4) Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of June 30, 2009 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$281.70. As of 6/30/2009, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.

(5) Mr. Markel is trustee and retains a partial interest in the trust. The amount reported reflects all the securities held by the trust, but Mr. Markel disclaims beneficial ownership except with respect to his interest in the trust.

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