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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter: March 31, 2006

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Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Markel Corporation
Address: 4521 Highwoods Pkwy
Glen Allen, VA 23060

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The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Thomas S. Gayner
Title: Chief Investment Officer
Phone: 804-527-3806

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

Thomas S. Gayner	Richmond, VA	05/10/06
[Signature]	[City, State]	[Date]

Report Type (Check only one.):

[ ] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)

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List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

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28-6056	Markel Gayner Asset Management Corporation