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I've been listening to all the talk about driverless cars and cars that can take control and it scares me. I started driving in the 70s and back then cars didn't even have a computer in them. I don't know if I want to be sharing the road with robots. I just want to know if they are safe, how they work, and when they will be here so I can start looking out for them.

Karen in Tyler Texas

Dear Karen,
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My 2005 Impala has been doing strange things like the doors unlocking themselves in the middle of the night and my battery has been going dead over night at times. I have also found my blower fan running after the key is off and other things like my personal settings are changing. I saw on the news that cars were getting hacked and taken over by computer people. How can I tell if this is happening to me?

Marie in Detroit Michigan

Dear Marie,
The symptoms you are experiencing sound more like things related to a Body Control Module or BCM for short. You need to have it diagnosed to know for sure before you spend the money to replace it but this is a good time to address the "hacking" you bring up. Your car, being a 2005 Impala it's not susceptible to the hacking level you may have seen on the news. The newer cars have been given so much tech that the electronic systems run things like throttle, brake and steering and can be accessed through the Telematics systems and with the right circumstances and information a smart hacker could gain access to some systems controlling the vehicle. Manufacturers are working diligently to stop this from happening and hopefully it will never be a problem. Consult your local mechanic and talk about your symptoms. The car will need to be scanned and the effected systems checked and repaired.

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