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Amy,

For example, he [Michael Moore in "Stupid White Men") was talking about the sorry state of industry these days, about faulty products. He said he had trouble starting his new VW Beetle and a mechanic told him it was characteristic of all the new Beetles. He said that if you don't drive it every day, a computer in the car shuts down and you can't start it. That is a bit hard for me to believe. There may be a problem with the Beetles, but it seems like something like that would have made the news. I doubt that they are built that way intentionally.

I think cars these days are excellent. I am sure we are paying too much for them, but they are good cars.