

# Paul on the tail of UFOs

by DENIS BROWN

MOORABBIN Airport was the launch pad for Australia's most notorious UFO flap.

No trace has ever been found of 20-year-old Frederick Valentich, who took off from the airport on October 21, 1978 in his Cessna 182, en route for King Island.

In his last on-air communication at 7.12pm, he described being buzzed by a fast, long shiny metallic object. He then reported his engine spluttering.

His final words before a strange noise interrupts the transmission were: "It is hovering and it's not an aircraft".

Veteran UFO investigator Paul



*UFO researcher: Paul Norman.*

Norman is convinced Mr Valentich came face to face with an alien craft.

"I don't know whether he went up, down or disintegrated, but that's a genuine case," he said. "About

six weeks before he disappeared we were seeing an increase in numbers of erratic moving flights and they reached a peak that very weekend."

Since retiring from his day job in 1976, Mr Norman's search for positive proof of extraterrestrial life has been a full-time occupation.

A key member of the Moorabbin-based Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS), the Tennessee-born Mr Norman has published several reports on the Valentich case. On the VUFORS Web site, he has posted what is apparently a portion of the flight transcript, obtained from the Australian Department of Transport.

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