



through numerous manifestations before it formed the basis of the first U2 when the minimum weight limit was removed from the 750MC's 1172 Formula. Arthur constructed a lowline lightweight spaceframe chassis, using the mechanical components from WJ1515, and when he offered replicas for sale in 1960 with that famous catchphrase, the U2 line was born. With the first U2, Arthur himself won the 750MC's 1172F championship in 1962, and again in 1963 with the Mk3.

By that time, he was already over 40 years of age, having served with distinction in the Royal Signals, and as an instructor in the Royal Air Force. It was only

after he left military service that his second career, as a racing car manufacturer, took off. When his sons, Ray and Richard, began to go quicker than him, he was happy to take a back seat, providing the designs that took both of them to success. He continued competing though, until well into his 70s. I can remember him driving at Ocean Village, Southampton in a round of the **CCC BARC Speed Championship** back in 1991, and he took the wheel of Johnny Street's U2 Mk2 - brought over especially for the occasion from the USA - at his birthday celebration at Silverstone. He was also a dashing and fearless Alpine skier, a passion that remained for the rest of his life.

Mallock's design philosophy always favoured simplicity, light weight and,

above all, low cost. Unfortunately as sports racing cars became increasingly sophisticated in the early '60s, the virtues of simplicity and light weight were often not enough to beat cars built without compromise, with cost no object. When the Clubman Sports category was introduced in 1965, it might have been tailor-made for The Major and his sons. The Mallocks had found their niche, and have remained faithful to the category ever since, to the virtual exclusion of everything else, although some of the Clubmans designs have been adapted for other categories... with surprising success.

But in Clubman Sports racing, Mallocks have reigned supreme. Other manufacturers have offered a challenge from time to time, but Arthur, Richard and

● U2 Mk18 (below) proved a fairly gentle introduction to the world of Clubman sports racing

