Chris Vogelgesang flying his Yakovlev Yak-3UA, D-FJAK, high over Essex in June 2008. Built in 1995 as the seventh aircraft in a new-build batch manufactured by OKB Yakovlev at Strela in Russia to original wartime drawings (although powered by Allison engines for practicality, rather than the original Klimovs) the fighter was acquired by Chris in 2006. In spring 2008 it was repainted in its current colour scheme, which represents "White 100" of 402 IAP (Fighter Air Regiment), Soviet Air Force, circa 1944. RICHARD PAVER photograph