

II3 NKE
Special Station "Base Thunder"



The "Radio Club Valsugana-Valsugana Servizio Radio Onlus" organize on Saturday 18 and Sunday, June 19, 2011 a special event station with ham radio callsign II3NKE in the ex NATO base named "Thunder Base" , near Folgaria (TN, Italy).

At this site, recently restored by the municipal administration of Folgaria and Autonomous Province of Trento as a memorial park, has been recreated a section of surface-to-air missiles "NIKE Hercules", supplied to NATO during the Cold War and located in eleven others Italian Air Force missile bases present in northern Italy and operational until the end of the sixties, under the NATO air defense system of southern Europe.

At "Thunder Base" are three of these missiles, the last remaining in Europe, positioned on the launch pads, while a fourth missile to be dissected and placed in the building for educational purposes.

The special radio station II3NKE will be managed by amateur radio operators of the "Radio Club Valsugana - Valsugana Servizio Radio Onluss" and will operate on all amateur bands HF / VHF / UHF / SHF on Voice, CW, PSK31,RTTY, APRS and wi-fi. A special QSL card created for the event, will be sent via bureau to all amateurs who will contact the station, all the info about the QSL manager will be available online.

The activation of the special name II3 NKE is queued to the "3rd Reunion" of ex soldiers who served at the "Thunder Base" and other Italian Nike missile bases during the Cold War period.

The II3NKE amateur radio station will operate from control area IFC, on the summit of Mount Toraro, about 3 km from the launch site, where in the cold war period was installed the antenna for radio communications and the three radar for the control of the air space.

Further information can be found here:

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www.basetuono.it