

YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS . . .

Month: December 2023

Assignment: Rear Curtain (Second Curtain) Synch

Summary: Rear curtain synch or second curtain synch refers to WHEN your flash fires during exposure. If there is no motion in the scene or if you are shooting with a relatively fast shutter speed, then you won't notice a difference in flash synch. However, if there is motion in the scene (or at the camera) and if your exposure lasts for seconds, then the results can be dramatically different.

References: Here are two You Tube videos that provide good explanations and examples of Rear Curtain (also known as Second Curtain) synch:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zlvVBDKbhI
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NfWc4pq-FIM>

Also attached are my presentation notes from a lecture on the same subject.

Due Date: Saturday, December 16

This assignment will be due the third weekend in December so we can take advantage of Christmas lights and parades, etc. This technique also works well for dramatic sports photos even though you might prefer to use a tripod during the long exposure.

