

The Australian rally pairing of Brendan Reeves and Rhianon Smyth have again dominated the 2WD class in only their second appearance in America. Competing this weekend in the Susquehannock Trail Rally which was run out of Wellsboro in Pennsylvania, the pair again took home the 2WD honours by a big margin, with fourth overall adding to their list of achievements. Incredibly they finished just 44 seconds off a podium place, only beaten by a trio of 4WDs, all of which are much more highly powered than their Ford Fiesta R2.

Teaming up again with Team O'Neil, the Aussie brother and sister battled poor health this weekend with both suffering from heavy colds and Brendan almost losing his voice before the rally. Their Ford Fiesta R2, however, was a picture of health, again running faultlessly over the 16 stages and 110 miles of competition.

"It's a very exciting result once again," a beaming Brendan said. "Team O'Neil and the Ford Fiesta R2 did another amazing job.

"It hasn't been easy with my health this rally and it was a very warm event, but we managed to get incredible results."

"Rhianon did a great job with the pace notes on a new event and with limited time between events to prepare."

"Huge thanks to our sponsors and supporters for making this result happen," he added.

Brendan's 2WD winning margin was over a minute and half ahead of current Rally America series leader Andrew Comrie-Picard in a Scion xD. He won 13 of the rally's 16 stages in the 2WD class. The win earns valuable manufacturer points for Ford in the Rally America series.

After three events in five weeks - two in the US and one in Australia - Brendan and Rhianon will now have a six week break until their next event, the International Rally of Queensland, round 4 of the Australian Rally Championship, which will be held on the Sunshine Coast from July 12 to 14.