

# THE KISS FAMILY TREE: BRUCE KULICK

**JOHN BODKIN**



**JACKSON HEIGHTS BAND**



**“KKB” (c. 1974)**

**Mike Katz**  
*Bass/Vocals*

**Bruce Kulick**  
*Guitar*

**Guy Bois**  
*Drums*

KKB really had no name. Mike Katz wrote the material for the band which resulted in a couple of demos, with a strong Jack Bruce/Cream emphasis. The band never gigged, but did a lot of rehearsals.



**GEORGE McCRAE (1975)**

**George McCrae**  
*Vocals*

**Bob Kulick**  
*Guitar*

**Bruce Kulick**  
*Guitar*

**Unknown**  
*?*

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*?*

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*?*

This live lineup toured Germany and played a few dates in the US in support of George's hit “Rock Your Baby”. Essentially, the project lasted two months...

**ANDREA TRUE CONNECTION (1976-7)**

**Andrea True**  
*Vocals*

**Ray Martinez**  
*Vocals/Drum*

**Bruce Kulick**  
*Lead Guitar*

**Wolfgang Largo**  
*Bass*

**Mark Statleron**  
*Trumpet*

**Joe Bersani**  
*Keyboards*

**Ken Johnston**  
*Sax/Flute*

Another disco live group which Bruce got involved with due to his brother's connections.



**MEAT LOAF (1977-8)**

**Meat Loaf**  
*Vocals*

**Steve Buslow**  
*Bass*

**Bob Kulick**  
*Guitar*

**Bruce Kulick**  
*Guitar*

**K. DeVito**  
*B. Vocals*

**Joe Steffo**  
*Drums*

**J. Steinman**  
*Piano*

This attempted lineup probably skips a few people, backing vocalists (Rory Dodd), and perhaps some others. The tour ended in Toronto at the end of 1978, and some early dates had been in support of Cheap Trick. Bruce had toured internationally with the group...



**BLACKJACK #1 (1978-80)**

**Michael Bolotin**  
*Vocals*

**Bruce Kulick**  
*Guitar*

**Sandy Gennaro**  
*Drums*

**Jimmy Haslip**  
*Bassist*

Bruce's first real professional band which would release two albums on Polydor Records in 1979 and 1980. Michael had been introduced to Bruce by his brother Bob, and was also interested in getting an originals band going after his solo efforts of the mid-1970's had not amounted to much.

*Session work, then solo. There actually was a Blackjack #2 which Michael Bolton toured with in 1982. Steve Buslow played bass.*



*Yellowjackets*

**GOODRATS (1980-2)**

**Peppi Marchello**  
*Guitar/Vocals*

**Mickey Marchello**  
*Vocals*

**Bruce Kulick**  
*Guitar*

**Schuyler Deal**  
*Bass*

**Joe Franco**  
*Drums/Percussion*

Goodrats was a long established “most famous unknown band” from New York which was firmly under the control of the Marchello's. Still Bruce did get some television appearances out of the experience, plus one studio album, with left-overs the Marchellos' would use on releases in the 1990's. Both Bruce and Schuyler would do session work with Michael Bolton following this.



**SESSION WORK (1982 – 1984)**



**KISS (Sept. 1984 – Aug. '96)**



**SESSION WORK (1996 – )**



**UNION #1 (1997 – )**

**Bruce Kulick**  
*Guitars/Vocals*

**John Corabi**  
*Vocals/Guitar*

**James Hunting**  
*Bass/Vocals*

**Brent Fitz**  
*Drums*

Union release two excellent studio albums and a live set, on a couple of minor labels – the band never really breaks big, not due to a lack of music, but due to timing...



**ERIC SINGER PROJECT #1 (1998 – 2000)**

**Bruce Kulick**  
*Guitar/Vocals*

**John Corabi**  
*Guitar/Vocals*

**Karl Cochran**  
*Bass/Vocals*

**Eric Singer**  
*Drums/Vocals*

Simply a side-project for all involved which would record one studio album of covers. The ESP band would perform live at several KISS expos. The lineup could also be somewhat flexible, though those mentioned here did appear together on the album...



**Grand Funk Railroad**

**RATT**



## **UNION #2 (January 2005)**

**Bruce Kulick**  
Guitars/Vocals

**John Corabi**  
Vocals/Guitar

**James Hunting**  
Bass/Vocals

**Eric Singer**  
Drums

Eric covered on drums for the Japanese Tour...



## **ERIC SINGER PROJECT #2 (February 2006)**

**Bruce Kulick**  
Guitars/Vocals

**John Corabi**  
Vocals/Guitar

**Chuck Garric**  
Bass/Vocals

**Eric Singer**  
Drums

Chuck joins the ESP line-up for Australian dates...